

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 691  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, the definition of "detection device" includes any electronic device used to limit access by persons into building structures or gate compounds, including any control, communication, motion detector, door or window switch, card or proximity readers, push button key pad entry, gate entry device, door exit buttons, or similar device. This bill redefines "detection device" to include any electronic device used to limit access into buildings or gate compounds.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 691 redefines "detection device" and "alarm systems company."

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(5), Article 4413(29bb), V.T.C.S. (Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act), to redefine "alarm systems company."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2(33), Article 4413(29bb), V.T.C.S., to redefine "detection device" to include any person who responds to alarm systems or still camera used to signal the presence of an emergency or other hazard requiring urgent attention and to which law enforcement or other emergency services are expected to respond.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amendment 1.

Adds a new SECTION 1, to redefine "alarm systems company."